

UNDP – UNHCR: Lessons Learned and Working Towards More Joined-up Development Approaches to Forced Displacement

The UNDP and UNHCR Innovation Lab (01 Dec) focused on lessons learned and working towards more joined-up development approaches to forced displacement, including through the implementation of our new Global Collaboration Framework for Inclusion and Solutions 2023 – 2025. The Innovation Lab included country, regional and global evidence of UNDP-UNHCR collaboration on advancing the rule of law across HDP nexus. The Lab included interventions from the Governments of Colombia and Germany. Colombia spoke to the steps required to support the inclusion of forcibly displaced persons in local and national frameworks. BMZ spoke to the lessons learned from Germany on financing in the HDP Nexus. UNDP Representatives in Afghanistan and Sudan emphasized the benefits of integrated and area-based responses to meet immediate needs, strengthen local governance and build resilience.

Three key messages emerged: (i) recognition and the need to expand country-level collaboration, including in the areas of rule of law and application of area-based approaches that support socio-economic (re)integration and restoring developmental pathways; (ii) the need for sustained momentum, including UNDP's commitment to make a broader pledge at the next GRF in 2023, joining up different aspects of our work on prevention, inclusion and solutions; and (iii) the need for accelerated collaboration, including through building more robust data and evidence on inclusion and solutions, and the need for longer-term development financing.

In conclusion, a joint UNDP and UNHCR pledge on the implementation of the UNDP-UNHCR Global Collaboration Framework 2023-2025 was suggested in parallel to UNDP's own development of new pledges. The roadmap to the next GRF includes the following milestones: stock-taking on current approaches (March to June 2023); building evidence base around pledge areas (June to September), and identifying global, regional and country opportunities for joint pledges with host and donor governments (October-November 2023).